

REMARKS

Examiner's Rejections and Objections

The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the final Office Action mailed September 22, 2003. In that Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as its invention. More particularly, the Examiner specifically indicated the points of indefiniteness in Claims 1, 3, 4, 11 and 12. Importantly, however, the Examiner stated that Claims 1-15 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome her rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Applicant has amended each of those claims in a manner as to resolve all of the points of indefiniteness that the Examiner has indicated. As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending §112 rejections currently raised by the Examiner are now overcome, and thus Claims 1-15 are allowable.

On a more procedural note, Applicant respectfully provides herein a summary of record of telephonic interview conducted on April 22, 2003 and June 15, 2003 between the Examiner and Applicant's representative, In H. Kim.

In the April 22, 2003 telephonic interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative discussed possible ways of amending independent Claims 1 and 15 in order to overcome all prior art

references at issue, namely, U.S. Patent No. 5,889,046 and Japanese Patent Application Nos. 05178793. The Examiner reviewed Applicant's proposed amendments and suggested that allowable subject matter may rest on the essence of dependent Claim 11. The Examiner further indicated that a declaration of the inventor noting the difference of his resulting product apart from the prior art's resulting products would facilitate the allowability of the subject case. No final agreement was reached during that interview as to the allowability of the claims.

In the June 15, 2003 telephonic interview, the Examiner and Applicant's representative held a short discussion on the general status of the case. The Examiner indicated that Applicant's R.C.E. which was filed on June 2, 2003 has not yet been matched with the subject case. Applicant's representative briefly stated the summary of what was done in its R.C.E. The Examiner and Applicant's representative ended the interview thereafter since the R.C.E. has not yet reached the Examiner. No final agreement as to the claims was ever reached during that interview.

Request for Allowance

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all the stated grounds of rejections and objections have been overcome, and that Claims 1-15 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any suggestions for expediting allowance of the application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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